Regional Officers to look after problems of Depressed Classes.

Q.—231. **Sri T. HANUMIAH** (Chitaldrug District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Regional Officers in the State ;

(*b*) what are their status, powers and duties with full particulars of their establishment ;

(*c*) whether they have prepared a special scheme after the formation of Regional Officers' Offices for improving the economic, social and educational problems of the Depressed Classes in the State?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH** (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Two.

(*b*) The Regional Officers are of the status of Assistant Commissioners. The powers and duties of the officers are defined in G.O. No. L.B. 8007-33—A.D.C. 19-48-4, dated 15th March 1949. Government Order is appended below. Their establishment consists of :—

1. One Second Division Clerk,
2. One Second Grade Typist,
3. One Daffedar, and
4. Three peons.

(*c*) Yes.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. L.B. 8007-33—A.D.C. 19-48-4, dated 15th March 1949.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

Approves —.

READ—

Government Order No. L.B. 3510-45—V.P. 45-48-1, dated the 29th October 1948, according sanction to a scheme for the reorganisation of the work relating to the Rural Development Work in the State.

2. Letter No. R.D.R. 4C. 887—48-49, dated the 27th November 1948, from the Commissioner for Rural Development and Depressed Classes, requesting approval to certain powers to be conferred upon, and certain duties to be entrusted to the two Regional Officers for Depressed Classes, appointed as per Government Order read above.

Order No. L.B. 8007-33—A.D.C. 19-48-4, dated Bangalore, the 15th March 1949.

Approves as per statements appended.

SYED ABDUL ALEEM,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Heads of Development Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Powers of Regional Officers.

The Secretaries of the Taluk and District Development Committees shall keep the Regional Officers informed of their Budget proposals and annual programme of works so far as relates to the amelioration of Depressed Classes. In addition, a copy of the report of work done each month shall be sent to the Regional Officer by the 15th of the month following the month under reference.

2. The Regional Officers shall have powers to inspect works charged to the Depressed Class Amelioration Fund and to make suggestions and bring defects to the notice of the appropriate authorities.

3. To address Deputy Commissioners and District Officers of other Departments on points arising in the course of their work.

4. To inspect the Darkhast, Land Acquisition and other Branches of the Taluk Office dealing with Depressed Class affairs and to examine the relevant registers of the Sub-Division and District Office for purposes of information.

5. The Taluk, Sub-Division and District Offices shall furnish the Regional Officer such figures and information as may be available and as are necessary for the Regional Officer in the execution of his duties and to give him also such records and pending papers as may be necessary in his view.

6. To scrutinize the dairies of the Special Officers for Depressed Classes and to forward them to the Deputy Commissioner with his remarks, if any.

Duties of Regional Officers.

It will be the chief duty of the Regional Officers to watch the progress of Depressed Class development work in the Districts in their jurisdiction ; to see that the needs of the Depressed Class population are formulated and proposals for meeting them are worked up by the local officers and put up before the Taluk and District Development Committees ; to watch the disposal of Depressed Class Darkhasts, Land Acquisition cases and other papers bearing on the welfare of the Depressed Classes with a view to see that there is no undue delay at any stage.

2. To act as liaison between the different officers with a view to expediting the progress of Depressed Class work.

3. To keep a watch over the work of the Special Officers for Depressed Classes in the different Districts and the Special Revenue Inspectors appointed in the Taluks.

4. To inspect Depressed Class works wherever necessary with a view to see that undue delay is avoided and the funds allotted therefor are fully utilised.

5. To keep in touch with the progress of expenditure under Depressed Class Amelioration Fund in each District with a view to see that funds are fully and equitably utilised over the whole year.

6. To keep the Commissioner for Depressed Classes fully informed of the progress of work through such returns and reports as may be prescribed by him.

It will be the special duty of the Regional Officers to study Depressed Class problems intensively and to formulate larger schemes of improvement and amelioration.

Silk Industry and safety and security to cocoon rearers.

Q.—250. **Sri D. M. SIDDIAH** (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the encouragement given by them for the improvement of silk industry in the State ;

(*b*) how many families in the State are engaged in this industry ;

(*c*) the nature of safety and security that the Government have given to the cocoon rearers in the State ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA** (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Government have been rendering all possible assistance to the Sericulturists of the State to enable them to harvest successful crops and get increased return for their labour ; mulberry cuttings and seedlings are supplied to Sericulturists free of cost to the extent they can be made available ; their gardens are inspected ; special manure, such as ground-nut cake powder, is stocked in the Silk Farms and supplied to them at cost price ; examined layings are supplied through Government or Aided Grainages ; rearings are inspected and technical guidance given ; improved methods of rearing are demonstrated and steps are being taken to have sufficient rearing appliances. like chandrikes, stocked in some Multipurpose Co-operative Societies for being lent on hire to the rearers who are in need of these appliances. Sericultural Takavi Loans are granted to enable Sericulturists to dig irrigation wells and improve their mulberry gardens. The Aided Graineurs, who are required to work under the control and supervision of the Department, are given bonus for the disease-free layings prepared and distributed by them among the sericulturists.

To improve charka reeling, the Department of Sericulture has been endeavouring to popularise an improved reeling unit known as the "New Cottage Reeling Unit" and demonstrations are being held at important silk reeling centres.

A Japanese Reeling Unit—"The Multi-end Basin"—has been installed by the Central Silk Board at T.-Narsipur Filature and the possibility of improvements in the reeling technique has been demonstrated. Steps are also being taken to adapt our reeling machinery to the Japanese model.

(*b*) Nearly 50,000 families are engaged in silkworm rearing in the State, while about two lakhs of families are directly or indirectly benefited by the industry.

(*c*) Certain measures are being taken for regulating Imports and stabilising prices, which when fully implemented, are calculated to ensure a certain amount of safety and security to Cocoon Rearers.

Planting Casuarina in Bangalore and Kolar Districts.

Q.—297. **Sri B. CHANNABYRE GOWDA** (Bangalore District-General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the year in which the Forest Department commenced planting casuarina plants in Bangalore and Kolar Districts ;

(*b*) the number of trees cut and sold since then and the amount realised therefrom ;

(*c*) the number of trees that are being planted every year and the number of trees that are being sold every year ;

(*d*) the expenditure incurred on planting casuarina trees since the beginning, the gross and the net annual income till now ?